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Addendum

1. With reference to paragraph 47 of my report of 13 November 1997 (S/1997/882), I wish to inform the Council that the cost of the expansion of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) for the full implementation of the settlement plan, based on the timetable set out in annex II to that report, is estimated at $129 million.

2. The estimate provides for the emplacement of 347 military observers, 1,273 military contingent personnel, 319 civilian police observers, supported by a civilian establishment of some 120 international civilian staff, 90 locally recruited staff and 750 polling officers. It also provides for the acquisition of equipment, supplies and services and other necessary logistical requirements.

3. A breakdown of the estimated requirements is provided for information purposes, by main category of expenditure, in the annex to the present addendum.

4. It is my intention to propose to the General Assembly, should the Security Council authorize the expansion of MINURSO for the full implementation of the settlement plan, that the costs relating thereto should be considered an expense of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and that the assessments to be levied on Member States should be credited to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

Annex

Cost estimates for the expansion of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the full implementation of the settlement plan

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Category	Cost estimate
1.	Military personnel costs	36 900
2.	Civilian personnel costs	36 800
3.	Premises/accommodation	11 000
4.	Infrastructure repairs	700
5.	Transport operations	10 900
6.	Air operations	9 500
7.	Naval operations	-
8.	Communications	600
9.	Other equipment	2 000
10.	Supplies and services	2 400
11.	Election-related supplies and services	400
12.	Public information programmes	200
13.	Training programmes	-
14.	Mine-clearing programmes	3 100
15.	Disarmament and demobilization programmes	-
16.	Air and surface freight	11 000
17.	Staff assessment	3 500
	Total, lines 1-17	129 000